SISTER JOSIE LESLIE — *Youth Director*

I didn't think being a Youth Director would be my "cup of tea" when I joined the Church Army 4 years ago, but the Bible teaches us that God knows our needs before we even ask Him, and I think that's a pretty good reason why I find my work so satisfying and fulfilling.

Belmont Parish, where I work, is on Lake Macquarie (just south of Newcastle), and includes Redhead within its boundaries.

Being a Youth Director means organising to a large degree —

✶ *Training and assisting Sunday School and Religious Instruction Teachers;*

✶ *Developing and guiding small working groups in Christian Education;*

✶ *Being responsible for all Children's and Youth activities in the Parish;*

✶ *Visiting homes where children and young people live.*

Consequently, I must be spiritually, mentally and physically alert.

As Youth Director, I find that parents and young people expect things to happen, and are themselves ready and willing to co-operate when activities are planned. Parents are quite excited at being approached to help, and freely offer their services. For example, four days after the Redhead High School Group was formed, I visited one home, and the mother offered transport for the Group's picnic, without being asked.

In this and other ways, God is "blessing abundantly" the needs of a Group, for which much prayer has been offered for His guidance of it and supply of its needs.

"ALL GOD'S CREATURES" was the Title of the Christian Craft Workshop for primary school children during the May school holidays. It was run on several afternoons of the holidays. We had bright Christian choruses, memory verses, stories about animals from the Bible, and then we broke into groups and did some craft — string art, decorating with Artex pens, making mobiles, and pottery, to name just a few.

Music is another important aspect of my work. We were very fortunate in having an established music group in the Parish, so what we've done is to encourage those young people to practise playing their guitars with the help of a parishioner, organised a "jam session" for the holidays, and used the young people in youth services in church.

At present we are working towards having a **Coffee House** for our young people, with visiting Christian singing groups taking part in the programme. There is much to be organised, and all aspects need to be committed to God in prayer.

In September, the Rev. Graeme MacRobb (Warden of the Church Army Training College) will lead a Mission at Redhead. He will be working amongst the children, and a special evening geared toward youth will be held too. Therefore, it is important to get to the heart of every home, create more interest in the Church, in order that the Gospel truly can go out to every person.

Religious Instruction in the Schools is very important. Here one sees faces en masse, and rarely a familiar face amongst them. This in itself is a mission field. Teenagers ask for proof that Jesus came back from the dead : they ask "How can you pray when God hasn't answered my prayer ?" They want to see a Risen Christ in a very lost, mixed up world.

The Bible tells us that faith comes from what is heard, and that what is heard comes by preaching Christ. (Romans 10:17).

Our youth cannot hear God speaking to them unless they hear God's Word from God's people. An Evangelist's work is never done, nor that of a Youth Director. Could God be calling you to preach the Good News too ?

STOP PRESS :

More Babies

Anne-Maree Wallis, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Ron Wallis, sister of Mark — born on 3rd May, 1976.

Warren David Fernance, son of Captain and Mrs. Les Fernance, brother of Faith — born on 10th May, 1976.

Andrew Hinchliffe, son of Captain and Mrs. David Hinchliffe — born on 22nd April, 1976.

A Birthday Message from our Treasurer

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Once again it is time for our Birthday Appeal. Let us firstly rejoice for all the things God has been doing for the Church Army this past year.

Earlier in the year we asked for your support to complete the Warden's Cottage. Our Bank account has been in overdraft the whole of the year. Praise God the overdraft has been liquidated and funds are available to meet the commitments on the Warden's Cottage.

A small property at Newcastle has been sold. Now, Church Army does not have any Assets other than its property at Belrose.

We have been concerned that our expenditure is slightly exceeding our income on a day-to-day basis. However, donations are increasing and profits from the Newcastle and Grafton Bookshops have exceeded our expectations over the last 3 months.

Finally, may we continue to wait upon the Lord.

"Bring the tithes into the treasury all of them, let there be food in my house. Put me to the proof, says the Lord of hosts, and see if I do not open the windows in the sky and pour a blessing on you as long as there is a need."

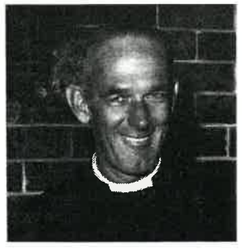
Malachi 3:10

Your contribution to our 42nd Birthday Appeal may be sent in the attached envelope.

SOME RECENT ARRIVALS

In the last issue of "The Pioneer", we said thanks to Board Members, who have recently resigned. The following are two of those who have recently become Members of the Board. Needless to say, we are extremely appreciative of all who serve on the Executive Board, and, in some cases, on one or more Standing Committees too. As the following will indicate, they are very busy people, and bring to the task a variety of gifts, qualifications, experience and background.

Mr. Kevin Alexander, married with two children, is a parishioner of St. Paul's Church, Chatswood, where he is Parish Treasurer and Superintendent of the Sunday School. He is the Assistant Insurance Manager of the Insurance Division of Dalgety Australia Limited. Formerly, he was a parishioner of Holy Trinity Church, Kingsford, which has had a long association with the Church Army.



The Rev. Ken Le'Huray recently became the Rector of St. Mark's, South Hurstville, and previously was Rector of Holy Trinity, Kingsford Parish (both in Sydney). His first appointment was to the Provisional District of Sefton and Chester Hill, which was a new housing area at the time.

Before ordination, he worked with the Katoomba Municipal Council, the Blue Mountains County Council and then with the Dunlop Rubber Company.

Mr. Le'Huray's wife is a school teacher and they have three children.

Besides his theological qualifications, he has a Bachelor of Arts Degree, in which he majored in History and Education. His leisure time interests are reading and golf.

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- If you feel that this may be God's call to you
- If you are between 19 and 35 years of age
- If you are a communicant member of the Church of England in Australia

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do their practical training.

Several requests have been received from rural dioceses to provide similar lay training and resource sharing programmes over a whole week-end and an increasing number of both clergy and laity are beginning to see the Federal Office and the Training College as a resource centre and a testing place for new tools for growth and learning in the Church.

FOR OFFICERS TOO

We are also endeavouring to use the College as a centre for on-going in-service training for Officers in the field. At least once a term, Officers, and lay people working closely with them, are gathering at the College to explore new ideas, to learn about new resources and to strengthen each other for ministry.

The College is a place where people live while training, but it is also a vital part of the Church Army's role as a Society that both preaches the Gospel by word and deed, and enables the Laity to effectively fulfil their calling to be the Body of Christ.

The Rev. Graeme MacRobb, Warden.

BIRTHDAY VISITS

During August and September, teams of Officers will make special visits to the following places, in connection with our 42nd Anniversary. At the time of going to print, we are still confirming some details. You may contact Captain Payne (2 3160) to find out more about the Newcastle visit, and write to the Federal Office regarding the visits to Brisbane and Melbourne.

1st August — NEWCASTLE **29th August — BRISBANE**

12th September — MELBOURNE

INTERNATIONAL LEADERS' CONFERENCE IN ENGLAND

"2. We affirm the Church's continuing need for the kind of professional evangelist which the Church Army seeks to provide. We are confident that there is in the Church Army a thoroughly worthwhile career for those whose hearts have been touched by God's love for those outside the Church and that the Office of Evangelist has a distinct and recognisable role to play in the total work of the Church.

"3. We affirm the world's need for conversion, consecration and churchmembership. We are thankful that through the ministry of Church Army evangelists individuals are brought to a personal knowledge of God by trusting in the acts of salvation in Jesus Christ and are equipped for witness.

"4. We encourage Church Army Officers throughout the world to be equally concerned with conversion in its wider applications, without which spiritual conversion degenerates into pietism. These further applications include the conversion of all kinds of need into sufficiency and the changing of any social injustices which narrow the purpose and liberty which God intends for mankind.

"5. We have caught afresh the vision of a Society with the clear purpose of evangelism and recognise the vital place of the world-wide fellowship in the inspiration of every Officer, however isolated he may be."

Captain R. L. Gwilt, Federal Secretary.

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THE WORLD WIDE CHURCH ARMY :

The Church Army was founded in England in 1882 by Prebendary Wilson Carlile. It is a lay society of men and women Evangelists of the Anglican Communion. Other autonomous societies were founded in the U.S.A. in 1927, Canada 1928, Australia 1934, New Zealand 1935, Eastern Africa 1962, Jamaica 1969. Officers from some of these societies are also at work in Germany, South America, South Africa, Belize, Cyprus, West Pakistan and Italy.

Editorial

One of my favourite authors once wrote that she used to think that the more spiritual a person was, the less dependable that person would be — i.e. so heavenly-minded, of no earthly good. However, she has found that the more spiritually mature she has grown, the more time she has spent in prayer — the more she is able to achieve in a shorter time. Why ?

God is a God of order and harmony.

— In our individual lives. Have you had the experience of the above author ? — that is, when you commit your day to God, and know and believe that His strength can achieve great things, even the most mundane things aren't so bad and are done more quickly.

— In the Church. Where else would we expect people of varying ages, intellects, and backgrounds to hold to the same beliefs and practices ? And yet we can, because the Church, with its many different parts, is like a human body, and can, under God, work together harmoniously. (1 Corinthians 12: 14-26).

— In the Church Army. You only have to consider the Leaders (mentioned on page 3) to realise some of the differences which go to make up this body of people. But we are a body of people with a single purpose — we are called by God to the work of evangelism, of reaching out to those who have not experienced the saving grace of God in their lives.

Heavenly Father, You alone can put our lives in order, can achieve greater things than ever we could imagine. Stir us up to spend more time with you, so that we may be more effective — as individuals, and as the Body of Christ, through the Name and in the Power of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WHEN ORDERING BOOKS

Please do not write to Federal Office. All orders and money should go to The Church Army Bookshop, Newcastle (see address on back page).

POINTS FOR PRAYER + + +

Give thanks — for the Mission held in the Parish of Riverwood, N.S.W., during April, and for the evidence of God working in many people's lives there.

Please pray — for the number of men and women who have enquired about training to be evangelists in the Church Army. Pray that they may know clearly God's will for their lives.

— for the men and women in training at present, that God may prepare them and make them fit to do the task to which He has called them.

— for deputations undertaken in the Sydney area, and on special visits to other places. Please pray that more people may be led to support our work, both prayerfully and financially.

A PRAYER FOR USE BY THE EVANGELIST OR BY ANY CHRISTIAN PERSON

O God, You know how my time will be spent today. You know the people I will meet.

Give me patience with the self-willed and foolish;

give me tenderness with the deceived, the hurt;

give me a helping hand for the despairing, the lonely.

Save me, O God, from wholesale condemnation, from intolerance, from powerlessness to establish bridges over chasms of distrust.

Let me remember always how much people matter in your sight;

let me devote without selfish thought all that I am and have.

Now and always. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR CHURCH ARMY OFFICERS :

Grant, O God, to the Officers of the Church Army

the Faith which sees the Cross and knows that all men may be redeemed;

the Hope which sees the empty tomb and knows that good must triumph over evil;

the Love which sees Jesus and knows that in Him alone the hearts of men can be fully satisfied;

For His Name's sake. Amen.

Looking to the future

Your legacy to the Church Army could help to ensure the future training of men and women as Evangelists and enable the development of the Society's work in many areas of direct evangelism and Christian service.

For your guidance the following wording can be used as a clause or codicil in your Will.

"I give to the Church Army in Australia *

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and I declare that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer for the time being or other proper officer of the Church Army shall be a sufficient discharge for the same."

* Here insert the sum of money or the description of the houses, land, stock, shares, mortgage, debt or other property intended to be given.